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AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please add on page 1, at line 3, the following heading:

-- BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION --.

Please rewrite the paragraph at page 1, lines 4-9, as follows:

-- The invention relates to devices for the low-temperature storage (in particular cryostorage, cryopreservation) of suspension samples, in particular a cryostorage device for suspended biological cells, cell groups, or cell components, with the features of the preamble of claim 1 and methods for low-temperature storage. --

Please delete the paragraph on page 3, lines 19-22.

Please add on page 3, at line 23, the following heading:

-- SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION --.

Please rewrite the paragraph bridging pages 4-5, as follows:

-- The at least one sample chamber preferably consists of an inherently flexible, bendable material. First of all, this allows for a loading in a space-saving way. The sample chambers can be loaded for example in the laboratory or in a medical practice even with large length in a wound-up state. The bendability of the material further allows for the positioning in a flexible and movably hanging manner on the at least one data storage device through a direct attachment of the sample chamber to the data storage device. This has the advantage of a compact architecture. Alternatively, an attachment devised evice may be provided, with the help of which the at least one sample chamber is attached to the data storage device in a flexible and movably hanging manner. Thereby, the mechanical separation of individual sample chambers from the cryostorage device, in particular in the cooled state, may be simplified. The attachment device

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comprises for example flexible strips or bands that are arranged individually or as a bundle, each with a sample chamber attached to one end and the other end attached to the data storage device. --

Please add on page 6 at line 28, the following heading:

-- BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS --.

Please add on page 7, line 7, the following heading:

-- DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED EMBODIMENTS --.